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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REPORTS KOREAN INCIDENT

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1. PRAVDA (AUGUST 22) FOLLOWED UP ITS EARLIER LOW-KEY TREATMENT OF LAST WEEK'S INCIDENT IN KOREA (REFTEL) WITH A SHORT ITEM FROM NEW YORK ON THE CONTINUING TENSIONS. THE ITEM, BY PRAVDA'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT KURDYUMOV, IS CALLED "THEY INFLAME TENSION", AND SAYS THAT THE "WAR OF NERVES" OVER THE INCIDENT IS INTENSIFYING. THE ARTICLE CITES THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AS NOT RULING OUT THE U.S. USE OF FORCE AGAINST NORTH KOREA, AND THE ITEM NOTES THE CONTINUED BUILD-UP OF U.S. FORCES, INCLUDING THE MIDWAY TASK
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FORCE, AS PART OF A "DEMONSTRATION OF FORCE."

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2. COMMENT: PRAVDA AGAIN IS THE ONLY MEDIA ORGAN TO REPORT ON THE KOREAN SITUATION AND AGAIN AVOIDS ANY DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT ITSELF. WHILE BLAMING INCREASED TENSIONS ON THE U.S. BUILD-UP, THE ARTICLE DOES NOT REPLAY OR EVEN MENTION ANY NORTH KOREAN ALLEGATIONS. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK COMMENTARY (AUGUST 22) DOES NOT MENTION KOREA, AND PRAVDA (AUGUST 23) REJOINS THE OTHER MEDIA IN THEIR SILENCE ON THE MATTER.

3. THIS TREATMENT DEMONSTRATES ACUTE SOVIET CAUTION ON THE KOREAN SITUATION AND IMPLIES THAT MOSCOW SEEKS TO MAINTAIN CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM PYONGYANG ON THIS ISSUE.
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